

While I believe that all new communications technologies should be explored, I have reservations regarding interference with HF communications which may inadvertantly occur as a result of broadband data transmission via overhead power lines. Although VHF and UHF communications are primarily used for local emergency communications, HF communications can be vital for long haul disaster communications such as between Operational Area EOCs and from them to the State Regional EOC or main State EOC. Therefore, any emerging technology which can negatively impact emergency communications -- on both local government and RACES frequencies -- must be carefully considered. I do not expect the commercial proponents of BPL to make such careful consideration and look to the FCC for this watchdog role. In saying that, I echo the recent NTIA comments on this same subject. Thank you.

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